

## Examples of Acceptance Criteria

In this section we'll take a look at examples of acceptance criteria written for common features present on most websites. We'll define user stories upfront because acceptance criteria are written after we've specified all functionality through user stories.

### Example #1

Our first user story describes the webpage search feature:

As a website user

I want to be able to search on the webpage

So that I can find necessary information

According to the Given/When/Then template, the acceptance criteria would be the following:

Scenario: User searches for an item by its name

*"Given that I'm in a role of registered or guest user*

*When I open the "Products" page*

*Then the system shows me the list of all products*

*And the system shows the "Search" section in the right top corner of the screen*

*When I fill in the "Search" field with the name of existing item in the product list*

*And I click the "Apply" button OR press the Enter key on keyboard*

*Then the system shows products in the Search Results section with product names matching entered product name*

*And the system shows the number of search results in the top of the Search Results section"*

### Example #2

The next example represents the acceptance criteria for a Feedback Form page. The user story would be the following:

As a website user

I want to be able to submit feedback

So that the website owners can consider my opinion or concern during future website updates

Acceptance criteria for this piece of functionality would be:

Scenario: User submits feedback form with the valid data

*"Given I'm in a role of logged-in or guest user*

*When I open the Feedback page*

*Then the system shows me the Submit Feedback form containing “Email”, “Name” and “Comment” fields which are required*  
*When I fill in the “Email” field with a valid email address*  
*And I fill in the “Name” field with my name*  
*And I fill in the “Comment” field with my comment*  
*And I click the “Submit Feedback” button*  
*Then the system submits my feedback*  
*And the system shows the “You’ve successfully submitted your feedback” flash message*  
*And the system clears the fields of the Submit Feedback form”*

### **Example #3**

Finally, let’s specify the user story and acceptance criteria for commenting functionality on a blog. Only signed-in users are able to add comments. The user story for an “add a comment” feature would be:

As a signed-in user

I want to be able to comment on a blog post

So that I can get feedback on issues

The acceptance criteria for this piece of functionality would be:

Scenario: Signed-in user leaves a comment on a blog post

*“Given I’m in a role of signed-in user*

*When I open the page with a specific blog post*

*Then the system shows the “Comments” section below the blog post with the list of comments added by other users*

*And the system shows the “Add a Comment” field in the top of the “Comments” section*

*When I fill in the “Add a Comment” field with my comment*

*And I click the “Submit” button*

*Then the system saves my comment*

*And the system shows my comment in the top of the “Comments” section*

*And the system shows my username and profile picture on the left side from my comment*

*And the system shows “Remove” and “Edit” icons opposite my comment”*